



JUNE Editorial

Rhys spent his whole career working in IT services. He gained experience of the technical aspects before moving onto project management and consultancy. Prior to taking early retirement, Rhys worked for Fujitsu as a Bid Manager leading teams of people writing sales proposals to win multi-million pound contracts from the UK government. That experience gave Rhys an excellent understanding of how to organise projects and teams working to fixed deadlines, as well as the importance of both words and images in promotional material.



Rhys Jones

Soon after retirement in 2009, Rhys converted his hobby of photography into a small business, and undertakes commercial commissions. Rhys moved from Solihull to Droitwich Spa in 2011, and joined DAN in 2014. He became Treasurer of DAN early in 2016. At the DAN meeting on 2nd August 2016 it was agreed that Rhys would head up our 2017 arts festival - Droitwich ArtsFest 2017.



Salt King 200 A PICNIC! ON SUNDAY, 25 JUNE 2017 from 12:00 – 17:00

On Sunday 25th June, we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of **John Corbett**, sometimes known as the Salt King, who did so much for the area. The picnic will be held on the grounds of Chateau Impney, the former home of John Corbett and will be open to all. John Corbett was known to have opened the grounds for family picnics when he lived at the Chateau.

A simple (free) event:

- All are invited to bring their own food & drink;
- Local history and community groups will be highlighting the life, times and heritage of John Corbett.
- Members of John Corbett's family will be in attendance as will people from Tywyn and Amblecote (come and find out why!)
- There will be live music and some simple entertainment will be provided for children.
- No commercial activities will be allowed at the event, however, Chateau Impney will offer some light refreshments;
- The day starts with an (optional) walk from John Corbett's graveside in Stoke Prior to the Chateau in the morning.

Next meeting of the Droitwich Arts Network

14th June, 19:15 at Park's Cafe, Victoria Square. All are welcome to attend.

Droitwich Exhibitions- is your artwork on show?

Bookings are available at all venues - please contact DAN on info@droitwichartsnetwork.org

Droitwich library: the DAN table is on the ground floor and it has a different artist displayed every fortnight. **Nigel Reader (photography)** until 24th June.

Park's Café, 4 Victoria Square; **Lyn Davies / Steve Williams** will display their artwork until 4th July

The Button Tree Café, High Street – **Bookings are currently available**

The Maltstone, Kidderminster Road, Cutnall Green; **Ruth Bourne** will display her paintings until 27th June.

The Meetbox – In St Andrew's Shopping Centre also at our Stoke Prior Studios (For information please contact The Meetbox on Email: thecanalsidestudios@gmail.com or Tel: 07789912627 or 07725488513

DAN Exhibition at Hanbury Hall: 10th October – 22nd October

We are happy to confirm that DAN have been allocated exhibition space at the Long Gallery again; 10.00 am – 17.00 on all days. Entry details to follow.



ArtsFest Update - Bringing many forms of art to Droitwich Spa

Saturday 15 July to Saturday 5 August

Droitwich ArtsFest 2017 will probably be the largest arts festival ever seen in Droitwich. The first and second weekends were described in previous Newsletters. The third weekend (29th July) has the theme of “Droitwich in Pictures”. It starts on Friday 28th July when members of Droitwich Arts Network will have the opportunity to be “artists in residence” in the foyer of Droitwich Library. This opportunity continues until Saturday 5th August (on days when the Library is open). More details and invitations will be sent out nearer the date.

On Saturday 29th July, we plan two Photo Walks (10.30am and 2.30pm). Novices using any kind of camera including phone cameras are welcome. The walks will be organised and led by David Hull of Droitwich Camera Club with help. Guidance will be available and we hope that some of the photos can be viewed on a computer at the end of the walks. Also on Saturday 29th July we plan two Sketching Groups (10am and 2pm). Sponsorship by RCA Regeneration Ltd will pay for art materials such as sketch pads, pencils, and folders to be provided free to all participants. I need at least two people to lead each group, taking the group to an interesting location and giving some guidance. Please contact me by email at rhys@photomaesto.co.uk if you are willing to help lead either (or both) groups.



On Sunday 30th, you have the opportunity to hear leading Midland entertainer Malcolm Stent present his “Hilarious Tales of Old Brum” at St Andrew’s Hotel starting at 7pm. The theme of “Droitwich in Pictures” concludes on Monday 31st July at 7pm with a free guided tour of the mosaics at Sacred Heart Church, which are considered to be some of the finest in England. This hidden gem is not to be missed.



Other ideas, including a display of old and/or recent photos of Droitwich, are still at the planning stage. The fourth weekend will be described in next month’s Newsletter, but if you can’t wait, all the events can be viewed on the festival website www.droitwichartsfest.org Also, please “like” our Facebook page www.facebook.com/droitwichartsfest and invite others to “like” the page. We are also on Twitter @droitartsfest or www.twitter.com/droitartsfest

Music matters – local talent Live music weekly at the **Gardeners Arms**, Vines Ln, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8LU (01905 772936) www.gardeners-arms.com

Norbury Theatre www.norburytheatre.co.uk (Box Office: 01905 770154)

A varied programme of theatre and cinema highlighting ‘Dirty Rotten Scoundrels’ on 7-17th June, 7.30 pm

Droitwich Spa Community Choir Liz Dutton, 07975 834573 info@droitwichchoir.co.uk

19:30 Tuesdays at Droitwich Spa Working Mens Club, 107 Friar St, Droitwich WR9 8EG

The Choir rehearse and perform songs from pop to rock, soul, gospel and musicals.

Droitwich Camera Club meet at Chawson Barn, Old Chawson Lane, Droitwich, WR90BA <http://www.droitwichcamera.co.uk/>

For the latest information visit: <http://www.droitwichartsnetwork.org/>
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